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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED PAST EUROGROUP COMMUNIQUE (MOST RECENT IS MAY 2, 1975, CONTAINED IN USNATO 2587) IN LIGHT OF RECENT US POLICY OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN REF A, AND BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ENCOURAGE EUROGROUP TO EXPAND ITS NEXT COMMUNIQUE TO INCLUDE ALLIED EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF OBJECTIVES STIPULATED IN PARA 2.

2. WHENEVER MISSION BELIEVES IT MOST APPROPRIATE, YOU SHOULD ADVISE EUROGROUP OFFICIALS THAT WE BELIEVE PAST EUROGROUP COMMUNIQUE HAVE PROVIDED VERY USEFUL INFORMATION
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REGARDING ALLIED FORCE IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN OF MUCH ASSISTANCE TO US IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CONGRESS. INFORMATION ON ALLIED EXPENDITURES AND EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE US WITH PERSUASIVE

AND AUTHORITATIVE DATA TO EMPHASIZE ALLIED EFFORTS TO SHARE
THE COMMON BURDEN. IN ADDITION TO SUCH DATA, WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO US IF FUTURE EUROGROUP COMMUNIQUE
WOULD ALSO ADDRESS ALLIED EFFORTS TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE

USE OF EXISTING DEFENSE RESOURCES BY REDUCING THE OVERLAP
AND DUPLICATION THAT EXIST IN MANY AREAS OF NATO
ACTIVITY, E.G., ALLIED AGREEMENT TO CONSOLIDATE TRAINING
PROGRAMS, PURCHASE COMMON MILITARY EQUIPMENT, STRENGTHEN
INTEROPERABILITY OF FORCES, ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY DUPLI-
CATION IN AREA OF DEFENSE RELATED INDUSTRIES.

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